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Root Women

Beth Staas

Staas: Root Women

We are root women
Gnarled and dry
Beneath rocky soil and clay,
Drab, gray and hidden
Yet steadfast
For we hold up the earth.

Morning

Laren Lofchy

A peaceful silence invades the woods,
Yet makes a soothing sound
Of angels singing merry ballads,
Melodious, and profound!

And through the rolling hills it seeps,
Like water through some cracks,
O'er the lake and in the swamp,
And over sleepers' backs.

The sleepy village hosts this guest
Without its even knowing,
Here now is the morning coming,
And purple darkness going!